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Letter dated 12 September 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated 12 September 1995 from Dr. Haris Silajdžić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly under item 28 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIĆ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 12 September 1995 from the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

On several occasions the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has turned to the Security Council and yourself personally, asking for the protection of the Bosniacs, Croats and other non-Serb population in Banja Luka and other places controlled by Serb terrorists.

You are aware of the fact that the basic human rights are violated in that region and that the people there are exposed to every kind of terror and persecution. From 14 August 1995 to this day, about 18,000 people, whose only fault is that they are not Serbs, have been expelled. The rest of the non-Serb population have been rounded up and taken to detention camps, where there have been many cases of killing and physical violence.

It is for this reason that we are turning to you again with the demand that you do everything in your power to protect the remaining non-Serb population in Banja Luka and other regions controlled by the Serbian terrorists.

It would be most important to send immediately as many official United Nations representatives/monitors as possible, whose presence and activities would give direct protection to the Bosniacs, Croats and other people threatened by the Serbian terror.

Registration of all the non-Serb population is of special importance so that mass killings and covering up of crimes may be prevented.

The situation is such that the United Nations and other international institutions must take urgent measures to prevent crimes such as those committed against the people of Srebrenica and Žepa.

(Signed) Dr. Haris SILAJDŽIĆ